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DISPATCH NO. [] 627

TO : LINCOLN

DATE: 20 May 1954

FROM : []

INFO: CHIEF, WHD

SUBJECT: General - KUFIRE.
Specific - Reports by WELLBANK.

REF: LINC 2796; LINC 2825; LINC 2848.

1. Attached hereto are two reports from WELLBANK.
2. In order to control these reports they will be designated numerically with []-WEL as the prefix.
3. []-WEL #1 is in reference to LINC 2796.
4. []-WEL #2 is in compliance with LINC 2825: The meeting with JUNCTURE 1 was arranged by Station at the request of subject, after which report was submitted.
5. Subject was apprised of authorization of funds re: LINC 2848.

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INCLOSURE:

Two Reports--WELLBANK.

20 May 1954

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Ref: LINC 2796

19 May 1954

In connection with suggested statement to be made by Archbishop Chavez y Gonzales, it had been planned to have a friendly reporter from the DIARIO LATINO interview him asking such questions as would bring out the points made in this suggestion. The interview would have then been quoted in other papers, highlighted in EL COMBATE and commented upon on the radio. This indirect approach, it was felt, would bring desired results without arousing suspicion of and resentment to pressure. The Archbishop has stated that something positive must be presented in fighting Communism and has resisted purely negative attacks on Communism which does not clearly offer the people something better.

The Archbishop leaves for Rome today so above plan will be held in abeyance until his return. Meanwhile, a check of what use can be made of his provisional committee in his absence will be made.

FYI: F.A.G.E. seems rather moribund without aggressive leadership.

[]-WEL #1

Ref: LINC 2825

20 May 1954

In discussing gasoline shipments with JUNCTURE I the following facts were developed:

1. To date, arms shipments for Guatemalan Government through Barrios have interfered not with gasoline shipments to Ilopango from there.
2. Ilopango receives gasoline shipments from:
 - A. Texaco contract with PAA through Barrios.
 - B. Esso contract with TACA through La Libertad.
 - C. Standard of California through Cutuco (La Union).
3. If Barrios were cut off, Texaco would make arrangements with Standard of California to expand Cutuco facilities to supplement Texaco's supplies over and above those now received from Barrios.

General: JUNCTURE I doesn't anticipate interference with Barrios shipments as result of Guatemalan arms movement through Barrios. He sees no present impediment to contemplated arms ingress plan. He categorically denied SEQUIN's story that a strike by IRCA Salvadoran railroad workers had been stopped by the Salvadoran Government and the leaders jailed. He said that no strike had been attempted or contemplated for the last week.

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[]-WEL #2